



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR INFORMATION SERVICE

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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WILDLIFE OFFICIAL SUPPLIES CHART FOR DUCK IDENTIFICATION

Hunting opportunity for three species of wild ducks--canvasback, redhead, and ruddy--which are in such short supply has been drastically curtailed in most States of the Nation and seriously curtailed in the remaining States.

In order to help the hunter identify these ducks and avoid shooting them by mistake, the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, has prepared drawings which point up some of the identifying features of each.

The Fish and Wildlife Service recommends two things. The first is that each hunter learn these identifying marks. The accompanying picture will help. The second thing is that the hunter withhold his fire until the duck comes in close enough for him to see its eyes. By that time the duck is close enough to be identified, and also close enough to be killed if it is not one of the three mentioned species.

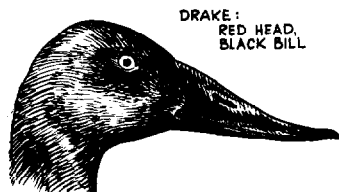
The Fish and Wildlife official explained that because of three years of serious drought in the prairies of the northern United States and southern Canada where most of the ducks are produced, there is a shortage of all ducks, but that the condition of canvasback, redhead, and ruddy ducks is especially precarious.

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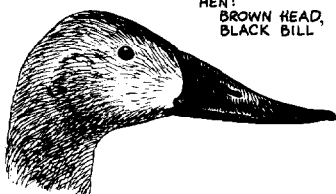
(Identification chart "Identify Your Ducks" attached)

IDENTIFY YOUR DUCKS.

CANVASBACKS



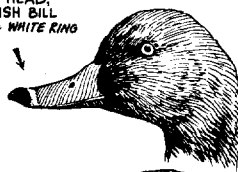
DRAKE:
RED HEAD,
BLACK BILL



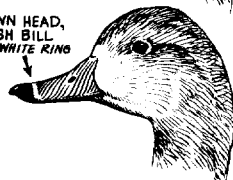
HEN:
BROWN HEAD,
BLACK BILL

REDHEADS

DRAKE:
RED HEAD,
BLUISH BILL
WITH WHITE RING



HEN:
BROWN HEAD,
BLUISH BILL
WITH WHITE RING



RUDDYS

DRAKE:
LIGHT CHEEK,
BLUISH BILL

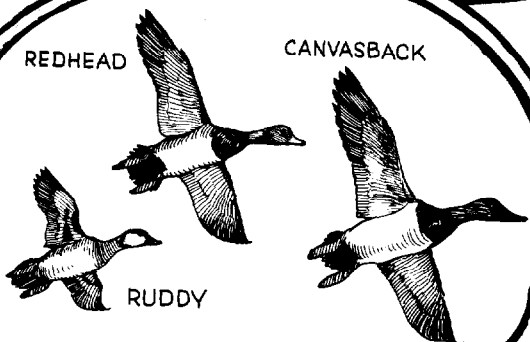


HEN:
MOTTLED CHEEK,
GRAYISH BILL



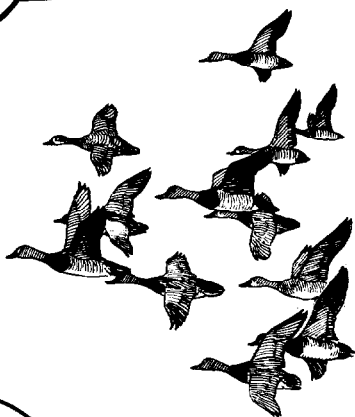
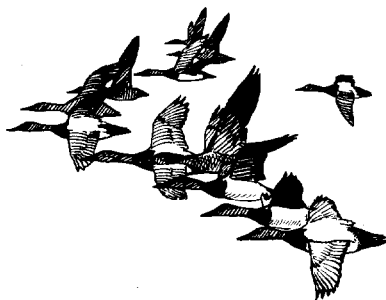
REDHEAD

CANVASBACK



RUDDY

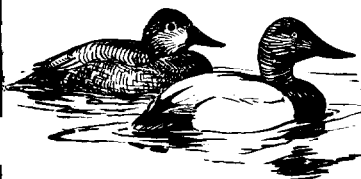
These Ducks
NEED HELP



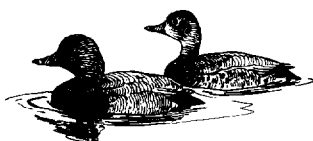
DO NOT CONFUSE
WITH SCAUP



SCAUP HAVE A
WHITE SPECULUM



Bob Hines



UNFAVORABLE CONDITIONS IN
NORTHERN NESTING GROUNDS
HAVE CUT THIS FALL'S DUCK
SUPPLY. IN MOST SERIOUS
TROUBLE ARE THE THREE
SPECIES SHOWN HERE.

Gunners:

LET THE DUCKS COME IN
CLOSE UNTIL YOU CAN IDENT-
IFY THEM, THEN, IF POSSIBLE,
AVOID SHOOTING REDHEADS,
"CANS," AND RUDDYS.

CHECK YOUR DUCK HUNTING
REGULATIONS.

